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Another fyi in case helpful!

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Senate to hold hearings on W.Va. chemical spill [excerpt]

By Laura Barron-Lopez

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) said Tuesday that the Senate will hold hearings on the West Virginia chemical spill that left 300,000 residents without clean water.

"We are going to have two hearings on this," Boxer told reporters. "We will have a hearing in early February on the spill itself and then we are going to do more on chemical safety reforms."

House Democrats are calling for a hearing of their own on the chemical spill.

On Monday, Reps. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) and Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.) called on a House Energy and Commerce subpanel to hold a hearing examining the chemical contamination and possible reforms to the toxic substances legislation.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/195404-senate-to-hold-hearings-on-wva-chemical-spill>

Congressional Quarterly further reported:

Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin's Water and Wildlife Subcommittee will hold a hearing focused specifically on the West Virginia spill, with a full Environment and Public Works oversight hearing on chemical safety to follow.

Boxer, who was briefed Monday by the EPA on the West Virginia accident, referenced the Clean Air Act's risk management program, the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act as statutes that federal regulators could employ to toughen chemical oversight.

Sen. Joe Manchin III, D-W. Va., said he is drafting legislation to tighten federal oversight of storage facilities sited upstream from drinking water sources.

Manchin indicated that West Virginia state lawmakers are drafting their own legislative response to the accident.

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